



City of Pensacola

CITY COUNCIL

Special Meeting Minutes

September 18, 2019

5:30 P.M.

Council Chambers

Council President Terhaar called the special meeting to order at 5:35 P.M.

ROLL CALL

Council Members Present: Andy Terhaar, P.C. Wu, Jewel Cannada-Wynn, Ann Hill, John Jerralds, Jared Moore (arrived 5:37), Sherri Myers

Council Members Absent: None

Also Present: Mayor Grover C. Robinson, IV

Council President Terhaar indicated this is a special meeting of the City Council to conduct the first public hearing for the purpose of adopting final millage rates for the City and the Downtown Improvement District for 2019 and final budgets for the City and the Downtown Improvement Board for the Fiscal Year 2020.

1. [19-00411 SPECIAL MEETING AND PUBLIC HEARING TO ADOPT FINAL MILLAGE RATES AND FINAL BUDGETS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2020](#)

Before addressing the action items, Council President Terhaar read into the record and explained that the TRIM law requires strict conformance with exacting procedures in order to lawfully adopt millage levies and budgets. In adherence with those procedures, he indicated the first substantive issue to be discussed must be the percentage increase over the rolled-back rate necessary to fund the budget, if any, and the specific purposes for which ad valorem tax revenues are being increased; and further that the proposed tentative millage rate of 4.2895 mills for the City and 2.0000 mills for the Downtown Improvement District constitutes a 7.20% increase of property taxes over the aggregate rolled-back rate which is 4.1310 mills. He also stated the basis for the "rolled-back" rate.

He then called on City staff to explain the reasons for the proposed increase over the rolled-back rate.

Chief Financial Officer Barker provided the explanation indicating the proposed increase over the rolled-back rate is in order to maintain services and meet increased costs.

ACTION ITEMS

2. [2019-49](#) BUDGET RESOLUTION NO. 2019-49- FINALLY LEVYING AN AD VALOREM PROPERTY TAX FOR THE CITY OF PENSACOLA AND THE DOWNTOWN IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT FOR 2019.

Recommendation: That City Council adopt Budget Resolution No. 2019-49.

A RESOLUTION FINALLY LEVYING AN AD VALOREM PROPERTY TAX FOR THE CITY OF PENSACOLA INCLUDING THE DOWNTOWN IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT FOR 2019; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

A motion to adopt was made by Council Member Cannada-Wynn and seconded by Council Member Hill.

There being no discussion or public input, the vote was called.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 7 Andy Terhaar, P.C. Wu, Ann Hill, Jared Moore, Jewel Cannada-Wynn, John Jerralds, Sherri Myers
No: 0 None

3. [2019-50](#) BUDGET RESOLUTION NO. 2019-50 - ADOPTING A FINAL BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF PENSACOLA FOR FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2019.

Recommendation: That City Council adopt Budget Resolution No. 2019-50.

A RESOLUTION ADOPTING A FINAL BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF PENSACOLA FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2019; MAKING FINAL APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE PAYMENT OF THE EXPENSES OF THE CITY GOVERNMENT AND ALL DEPARTMENTS THEREOF AND FOR THE PAYMENT ON ACCOUNT OF THE BONDED INDEBTEDNESS OF THE CITY FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2019; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

A motion to adopt was made by Council Member Cannada-Wynn and seconded by Council Member Moore.

ACTION ITEMS (CONT'D.)

Council Member Myers made comments indicating she and Council Budget Consultant Hansen met with Mayor Robinson and City Administrator Holley earlier today and **suggested an amendment (to Res. No. 2019-50) FY 2020 Budget as follows:**

That City Council 1) Move \$100,000 from line 172 on page 109 for Capital Equipment to a new line in Public Works for Neighborhood Street Lighting (spending in this line has historically been about \$500,000); 2) Designate \$230,000 from line 52 on page 107 for Energy Conservation and Efficiency Improvements to a line in Public Works for Neighborhood Street Lighting. This funding line has been used for street lighting projects and is currently planned to be used for the installation of new lighting equipment purchased for Spring, Baylen, and Reus Streets; and 3) Also recommends the Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) provide the \$230,000 funding for the installation of the equipment for these streets within the CRA.

Council Member Jerrals moved for an amendment (as stated above) and Council Member Myers seconded.

Discussion ensued among Council. City Administrator Holley and Mayor Robinson fielded comments and questions regarding planning of street lighting projects and equipment which has already been purchased based on such plans. Mayor Robinson indicated he is willing to look into funding street lighting projects within neighborhoods.

CRA Administrator Gibson responded to questions regarding impacts on funding provided from CRA's budget. Chief Financial Officer responded to questions regarding the adoption of the budget as presented and the process for amending throughout the fiscal year.

Based on discussion, Council Member Myers withdrew her second to the motion to amend.

Motion to amend died.

There being no further discussion and no public input, **the vote was called on the original motion.**

The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 7	Andy Terhaar, P.C. Wu, Ann Hill, Jared Moore, Jewel Cannada-Wynn, John Jerrals, Sherri Myers
No: 0	None

ACTION ITEMS (CONT'D.)

- 4. [2019-51 BUDGET RESOLUTION NO. 2019-51 - ADOPTING A FINAL BUDGET FOR THE DOWNTOWN IMPROVEMENT BOARD FOR FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2019.](#)

Recommendation: That City Council adopt Budget Resolution No. 2019-51.

[A RESOLUTION ADOPTING A FINAL BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF PENSACOLA DOWNTOWN IMPROVEMENT BOARD FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2019; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.](#)

A motion to adopt was made by Council Member Cannada-Wynn and seconded by Council Member Moore.

Council Member Cannada-Wynn inquired if the budget is providing the DIB an allocation from the City’s general fund in the amount of \$50,000? Chief Financial Officer Barker indicated a private organization *Friends of Downtown* is providing the funding, not the City’s general fund.

There being no further discussion and no public input, the vote was called.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 7 Andy Terhaar, P.C. Wu, Ann Hill, Jared Moore, Jewel Cannada-Wynn, John Jerrals, Sherri Myers
 No: 0 None

DISCUSSION ITEMS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

WHEREUPON the meeting was adjourned at 6:09 P.M.

Adopted: _____

Approved: _____
R. Andy Terhaar, President of City Council

Attest:

Ericka L. Burnett, City Clerk